

Funding News

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Macmillan Cancer Support: grants for support groups

Open to: Cancer support groups

Deadline: Varies - can apply until 1st December 2010

The following support is available for cancer support groups:

Start-up

- available to anyone who wants to set up a support group for people affected by cancer, or to develop a newly established group that has been running for no more than a year
- up to £500 available for core costs
- applications assessed on a monthly basis

Developing

- available to established groups who have been offering cancer support in their community for at least a year or more
- up to £3000 available to develop a group's activities and resources
- applications assessed three times throughout the year

Training and conferences

- available to members of independent cancer support groups, community groups and small voluntary organisations
- up to £3000 available to help with the costs of hosting or attending training courses, workshops, conferences and events that aim to either:
 - set up or identify the need for a new cancer support group
 - develop the activities of an existing cancer support group
 - raise awareness of self-help and support to address an unmet need within a particular community
- applications are assessed on a monthly basis

For more information visit:

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx> or contact:
resources@macmillan.org.uk / 020 7840 4936.

Alternatively contact the local coordinator Ruth Wilson: 0114 230 9845 / 07734 384 463 / rwilson2@macmillan.org.uk

ACT Foundation

Open to: Registered charities (for at least 3 years) / individuals

Funding: No amount specified, previous grants ranged from £100 - £4m

Deadline: none

The Foundation aims to improve the quality of life of people in need, specifically the mentally and physically disabled. Grants generally fall into the following areas:

- Building - funding modifications to homes, schools, hospices, etc
- Equipment - provision of specialised wheelchairs, mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living
- Financial assistance - towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at registered respite centres

Projects that intend to be a platform for continuing services will be expected to demonstrate sustainability. ACT prefer not to be a sole funder of projects that require ongoing support. Grants can be applied for at any time; trustees meet four times a year. There is no application form, except when applying on behalf of an individual (in which case the form can be downloaded from the website)

For more information visit.
<http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/>
or contact info@theactfoundation.co.uk
/ 01753 753900

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Comic Relief grants open

Open to: Not-for-profit

Funding: £25,000 - £40,000 (on average). Running / capital costs

Deadline: Varies - see text

Comic Relief UK grants programmes are again open for applications. Funding is available through the following programmes:

Deadline **17th September 2010:**

- Mental health - to promote the rights and support the recovery of people who have mental health problems to help them feel more included in society, and to reduce associated stigma and discrimination
- Domestic and sexual abuse - to provide support for young people aged 11-25 who have witnessed or directly experienced domestic and sexual abuse
- Refugee and asylum seeking women - to provide support for refugee and asylum seeking women who have experienced rape, torture and other forms of violence in their home countries
- Young People aged 11 - 25 - focuses on young people that are sexually exploited, suffer from alcohol abuse, and suffer from mental health problems

Deadline **3rd September 2010:**

- Older people - supporting older people to bring positive change to their communities, enabling them to contribute their time, energy and skills to those individuals who need it most
- Sport for Change - using sport in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities

For more information visit
http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk or contact 020 7820 5555 / info@comicrelief.com

Comic Relief also run a Local Communities programme supporting disadvantaged communities – for more information on this programme contact your local Community Foundation:

- Tees Valley Community Foundation: 01642 314 200 / info@teesvalleyfoundation.org

Four Acre Trust

Open to: Registered charities
Funding: Up to £75,000 (majority between £3,000 and £5,000)
Deadline: None

The Trust is inviting applications for funding to support activities that give individuals - mainly children and young people - help in making the most of their lives. Grant policy is prevention rather than cure. They look to fund organisations working in the following areas:

- **Mentoring schemes** –for young people aiming to achieve a significant change in lifestyle and aspirations (not including schemes linked to school or college)
- **Youth work in local communities** – core costs of local youth organisations using volunteers to deliver programmes for young people aimed at improving their future prospects (not including schemes that are properly the responsibility of the youth service)
- **Breaks and holidays for young people** – for charities providing opportunities for young people and their families to experience challenging activities on a holiday or short break. Beneficiaries are

expected to contribute to the cost. Overseas trips or visits to holiday camps will not normally be funded

- **School holiday activity schemes** – they will part fund so long as beneficiaries make a contribution to the cost (doesn't include schemes that are simply a child care service during school holidays)
- **Adventure and other training centres** – charities booking places at adventure training centres (they will not directly fund centres or bursary schemes)

The Trust supports core costs or specific costs (not capital) and likes to repeat fund. They advise potential applicants to read the Exclusion list before applying (available on the website). Applications can be made at any time; trustees meet six times a year, applications are usually processed within three months.

For more information, or to download an application form, visit <http://www.fouracretrust.org.uk/application.html> or contact 01981 580 002 / info@fouracretrust.org.uk

Healthy Hearts Grants

Open to: VCS
Funding: Up to £10,000
Deadline: Applications accepted in July and August 2010 for awards in November

Heart Research UK has announced that the next funding round of its healthy heart grants will open in July. Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities.

In the last round they awarded five Healthy Heart grants across the UK, totalling over £45,000. These grants are very popular and they can get up to 140

applications. Types of projects supported in the past have included:

- The Foresight Project in Grimsby - encourages visually impaired people to take regular exercise using tandem bicycles
- Ross-shire Bravehearts project - educates adults with learning difficulties about heart health so they can take part in physical activities
- Superleague team, Wakefield Wildcats - uses star rugby players to educate children about heart health

Applications should be sent to: Denise Armstrong, Heart Research UK, Suite 12D, Joseph's Well, Leeds. LS3 1AB

For more information visit http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm or contact 0113 297 6206 / lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk

Pizza Express: The Veneziana Fund

Open to: see text

Funding: see text

Deadline: none - Trustees meet in Spring and Autumn

The Fund funds the preservation, restoration, repair and maintenance of

- buildings originally constructed before 1750
- the fixtures and fittings of such buildings constructed/fitted before 1750
- works of art made before 1750 (including the purchase of such items)

The amount awarded depends on the number of applicants and the funds that the trust has available. Trustees do not consider appeals until at least two thirds of the sum required have been raised from other sources.

For more information, or to complete the online application form, visit <http://www.pwvsolicitors.co.uk/charitable-applications/charity-details/the-veneziana-fund>

Free WiFi for charities

WiFi provider Freerunner is offering to install free WiFi wireless internet access in 50 public places for at least three years. The company will also install the Freerunner service for free in 500 charity buildings, provided that they have broadband access.

They also have a community scheme whereby if five local businesses take their commercial service (all within 5 miles of each other) they will put free access in a public space (like a village hall) or a school.

To get involved in any of the above email connectmenow@freerunr.com or visit <http://www.freerunr.com/community/>

Community Spaces

Open to: VCS (legally constituted)

Funding: Small grants: £10,000 -£25,000 / Medium grants: £25,001 - £49,999

Deadline: 28th January 2011 (can apply at any time - assessed regularly)

Community Spaces aims to empower people to improve public spaces in their neighbourhood. Examples of projects that Community Spaces will fund include:

- community gardens and parks

- informal sports areas and multi-use games areas
- nature reserves
- squares and village greens
- creation or improvements to churchyard gardens
- ponds and projects which improve the community's access to green space

To be eligible groups must meet the following criteria:

- People should not need to pay to become a member of the group
- There cannot be restrictions for anyone from the neighbourhood joining
- Most members should be voluntarily involved and live within 2 miles
- Projects must be within 2 miles of a residential area and open to the public 'most of the time'

Community Spaces is a majority capital-funding programme – they want to ensure that money is spent on making physical and lasting improvements - revenue expenditure should not exceed 25% of the amount requested. The following can **not** be funded: individuals; sole traders; local authorities; parish or town councils; schools; health bodies; profit-making organisations; and other statutory bodies.

For more information visit

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_cs_comm_spaces?regioncode=-uk email info@community-spaces.org.uk or call 0845 3 671 671

Community Wildlife Programme (England)

Open to: not-for-profit (inc. CIC), schools, town/parish councils, statutory health

Funding: £300- £10,000 (£2m in total)

Deadline: 21st July; 22nd September; 24th November 2010

The BIG Lottery Community Wildlife Programme, a small grants programme running in partnership with the BBC, is now open. It complements the BBC's 'Go Wild' campaign and is designed to provide opportunities for people and communities to become involved with, enhance and protect their local wildlife.

Grants are to get local communities more involved in their local wildlife, whether that be in discovering local wildlife areas or animals, learning more about local wildlife, or creating or enhancing local wildlife areas. Funding is for projects that:

- improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by:
 - protecting wildlife habitats
 - creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden
 - improving community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodlands
- get people more active and healthier, for example by:
 - exploring parks, rivers and countryside to look for rare or endangered species
 - encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks
 - providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play

For further details about the programme and to get an application form visit http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_wildlife?regioncode=-uk or contact 0845 367 0610 / general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Concertina Charitable Trust

Open to: Charities

Deadline: 31st October 2010

Concertina makes grants to groups to provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. They are keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding.

The application form can be accessed at the link given below. If the Trustees decide a grant is appropriate, they will then consider the amount and whether to require matched funding. Previous grants have included:

- Golden Oldies, Bath - provision of leaders for singing sessions
- Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire - access to music therapy workshops
- Sheffield & Gateway Mencap – Christmas Special

For more information and to access the application visit http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/page.php?domain_name=concertinamusic.org.uk&viewpage=Grants

The Trust is **not** able to respond to any email or telephone correspondence.

CRASH - support for the homeless

Open to: Registered charities - legal hold on the building in question

CRASH is a practical charity harnessing the skills, products and goodwill of the building industry to improve hostels, day centres, training centres etc for frontline homelessness agencies. CRASH helps a large number of refurbishment and development projects, predominantly by:

- trying to source material free of charge from Patron or supporting suppliers
- providing on-site professional expertise
- awarding cash grants

What they **cannot** do is take over and run the project. They will consider new build projects on a case by case basis but recommend discussing before submitting a request. CRASH will give priority to charities that seek to add value to the quality of their clients' lives. Previous projects in the North include:

- Caring for Life - Development of Adult Learning and Arts Centre
- Centrepont - Refurbishment of hostel
- Community Awareness Programme - Supply of materials of workshop

For more information visit

<http://www.crash.org.uk/> or contact on 020 8742 0717 / info@crash.org.uk

Idlewild Trust

Funding: Up to £5,000 (total funding available each year is approx. £120,000)

Deadline: 24th September 2010 (meeting in November).

The Trust supports charities concerned with:

- the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts
- the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance

Occasionally it also supports projects that conserve the natural environment.

During financial year ending December 2008, they awarded 59/295 applications.

For more information visit www.idlewildtrust.org.uk or contact 020 8772 3155 / info@idlewildtrust.org.uk.

<http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/vmpskills>

Peter Cruddas Foundation

The foundation aims to benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK. It gives priority to programmes which help disadvantaged young people to pursue their education and develop their potential whether through sport or recreation, voluntary programmes or otherwise. www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org

Drinkaware Grants

The Drinkaware grants scheme aims to change the UK's drinking culture for the better. It works to influence public

behaviour and to find innovative ways to raise awareness of the effects of alcohol and reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm. www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants

Awards for all

A reminder that the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme is not able to fund existing or repeat activities. You must demonstrate clearly on your application that the activities proposed are significantly different from your core activities. This could mean the number or

type of beneficiaries involved, different participation techniques, or a different location. www.awardsforall.org.uk

PRS for Music Foundation

PRS for Music Foundation is looking to support music creators, performers and promoters who are involved in adventurous or pioneering musical activity. Deadline: 9 August. www.prsformusicfoundation.com

UIA Charitable Foundation

The foundation is a small-grant-making trust, established to provide financial support to organisations that help people in need. Deadline: 1 August. www.uia.co.uk/About/Charitable-foundation

LIFE+

The European Commission is inviting applications for 2010 to the LIFE+ environmental programme. The call covers Nature and Biodiversity; Environment Policy and Governance; Information and Communication. A little under €20m will be available in the UK. Deadline: 1 September 2010 www.betaeurope.co.uk/life.htm

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Arts Award Adviser Training

Arts Award is a qualification for young people aged 11 – 25 and is suitable for any young person; it's flexible, supportive and develops transferable skills such as communication and leadership, as well as the arts skills themselves.

Arts Award Advisers support young people through the Award, but you DON'T need to be an artist to do this.

For further information go to www.artsaward.org.uk or contact jane.gray@teesvalleyarts.org.uk

Arts Award Bronze/ Silver Training Dates in Middlesbrough:

17th August
12th October

Gold Training Date:

23rd November

For other training dates across the region please visit www.artsaward.org.uk

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